

## [CHAPTER 527]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of May 29, 1944, providing for the recognition of the services of the civilian officials and employees, citizens of the United States, engaged in and about the construction of the Panama Canal

June 19, 1948  
[H. R. 2273]  
[Public Law 696]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 5 of the Act approved May 29, 1944, to provide for the recognition of the services of civilian officials and employees, citizens of the United States, engaged in and about the construction of the Panama Canal is amended to read as follows:

Panama Canal.  
Recognition of civilian services.  
58 Stat. 259.  
48 U. S. C. § 1373d.

“SEC. 5. No person who has been or shall hereafter be awarded an annuity under the provisions of this Act shall be denied an annuity to which he may otherwise be entitled under the provisions of any law providing for a contributory system of retirement for civilian officials and employees of the United States or the District of Columbia Government: *Provided*, That in computing the annuity under such contributory system of retirement of any person receiving an annuity under this Act, no special additional benefit shall be granted for service performed during the construction of the Panama Canal.”

Annuities.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be effective from and after May 29, 1944.

Effective date.

Approved June 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 528]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of March 10, 1934, entitled “An Act to promote the conservation of wildlife, fish, and game, and for other purposes”, as amended by the Act approved August 14, 1946.

June 19, 1948  
[H. R. 2721]  
[Public Law 697]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of March 10, 1934 (48 Stat. 401), as amended by the Act approved August 14, 1946 (Public Law 732, Seventy-ninth Congress), is hereby amended to include the following new section:

Conservation of wildlife.

60 Stat. 1080.  
16 U. S. C. §§ 661-666c.

“SEC. 5A. In the management of existing facilities (including locks, dams, and pools) in the Mississippi River between Rock Island, Illinois, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, administered by the United States Corps of Engineers of the Department of the Army, that Department is hereby directed to give full consideration and recognition to the needs of fish and other wildlife resources and their habitat dependent on such waters, without increasing additional liability to the Government, and, to the maximum extent possible without causing damage to levee and drainage districts, adjacent railroads and highways, farm lands, and dam structures, shall generally operate and maintain pool levels as though navigation was carried on throughout the year.”

Approved June 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 529]

## AN ACT

To extend the authorized maturity date of certain bridge revenue bonds to be issued in connection with the refunding of the acquisition cost of the bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebraska.

June 19, 1948  
[H. R. 3402]  
[Public Law 698]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first sentence of section 5 (e) of the Act, as it relates to the bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebraska, entitled “An Act to authorize

Missouri River bridge at Rulo, Nebr. Revenue bonds.

47 Stat. 1555.

the construction of certain bridges and to extend the times for commencing and/or completing the construction of other bridges over the navigable waters of the United States", approved March 4, 1933, is amended by striking out "twenty years" and inserting in lieu thereof "thirty years"; and the second sentence of section 5 (e) of said Act is amended by striking out the language "or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management".

Approved June 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 530]

## AN ACT

June 19, 1948  
[H. R. 3433]  
[Public Law 699]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1906, and for other purposes.

Fire Department,  
D. C.

34 Stat. 314.

Composition.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1906, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, section 4-404), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall be composed of and operated upon a two-platoon system and the personnel thereof shall consist of one chief engineer; such number of deputy chief engineers (all of whom shall have had at least five years' experience in some regularly organized municipal fire department) and battalion chief engineers as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress; one fire marshal; such number of deputy fire marshals, inspectors, and clerks as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress; such number of captains, lieutenants, and sergeants as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress; one superintendent of machinery; and such number of assistant superintendents of machinery, pilots, marine engineers, assistant marine engineers, marine firemen, privates of class six, privates of class five, privates of class four, privates of class three, privates of class two, privates of class one, hostlers, and laborers as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress: *Provided*, That the chief engineer of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall have the right to call for and obtain the services of any veterinary surgeon employed by said District who at the time shall not be engaged in a more emergent veterinary service for said District: *Provided further*, That the police surgeons of said District are required to attend, without charge, the members of the Fire Department of said District, and examine all applicants for appointment to, promotion in, and retirement, from said Fire Department."

Veterinary sur-  
geons.

Police surgeons.

Establishment of  
workweek.

Off-duty period.

SEC. 2. (a) The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed to (1) establish a workweek of not more than seventy hours for officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia on night-platoon duty and of not more than fifty hours for such officers and members on day-platoon duty, and (2) require that the hours of work in each such workweek be performed within a period of five of any seven consecutive days. The two days off duty in each seven-day period to which each officer and member of